



# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)  
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### Schedule of Services

**Sunday:**  
Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.  
AM Worship...10:00 a.m.  
PM Worship.... 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:**  
Bible Study.... 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday:**  
Ladies' Bible Class..Sep.-Apr.  
\*See page 4 for current meeting time.

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Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

### DEACONS

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Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

### SECRETARIES

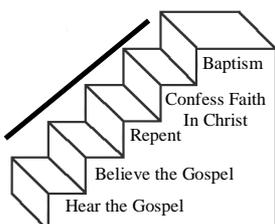
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear-Romans 10:17  
Believe-John 8:24  
Repent-Acts 17:30  
Confess-Romans 10:10  
Be Baptized-Acts 22:16  
Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



### Inspiration And Authority Of The Bible

Don Hatch

**Historically Christianity** is provided with personal revelations of Bible writers and disclosures from those who heard them as the basis for faith (Heb 2:1-5). God unveiled Himself, the Savior, in scripture and in sundry ways, anchoring all in the written word and authority in Christ as the Messiah. The New Testament documents are reliable. They are accurate presenting God incarnate, Jesus Christ, proving Him as sinless and living a life predicted and accomplished in His life, death and His resurrection from the dead (Rom 1:1-7). Christ taught that the Old Testament was inspired and the written word of God. He promised His disciples that the New Testament would be written (Jn 16:1-24). When the New Testament was completed it became the sole authority for faith and practice of Christians.

**Christ and His disciples** did much of their teaching by using Old Testament passages. They taught a great deal about the Old Testament by direct quotes and indirect statements referring to the Old Testament. Unmistakably they affirmed Old Testament writings. Christ was confirmed to be the Messiah by scripture. In doing so the integrity of His eyewitnesses cannot be separated from their authority to write an inspired volume about Jesus Christ and His church. The testimony of New Testament writers does not differ from Jesus' teachings. They did not give their views, but wrote as they were guided by the Holy Spirit (2 Tim 3:16, 17; 2 Pet 1:22, 23).

**The sacredness of the Old Testament** and its authority are manifested when Moses placed them in the ark (Deut 10:2) and later in the tabernacle (Deut 6:2). Prophetic writings were added to the canon of the Old Testament (Josh 24:26; 1 Sam 12:6; Dan 9:12). The prophets claimed "thus saith the Lord". Moses claimed his writings were from God (Ex 20:1; Lev 1:1; Num 1:1; Deut 1:3). The remainder of the Old Testament recognizes Moses' writings as inspired of God. Divine authority of Moses' writings and of the prophets remains unquestioned by those who protected them. There were many assorted proofs of God's providential care of their nation which vouchsafed the Old Testament. The New Testament demands that the Old Testament be considered inspired (2 Tim 3:16, 17). The comprehensive use of faith and practices from the Old Testament indicate a belief in the canon of the Old Testament (Jn 10:35; Mat 22:29). Complete use of the Old Testament to prove the New Testament is inextricably intertwined. The

New Testament depicts the Old Testament having authority from God and therefore reasonable for creating faith in the New Testament (Mat 5:17; Lk 16:16; Acts 24:24; Mk 9:12; Lk 21:22; Rom 1:16, 17; 10:16, 17). The use of the words "**might be fulfilled**" were given as references to the divine authority of the whole Old Testament (Mat 5:17; Lk 24:44). Jesus said that the scriptures could not be broken (Jn 10:35). The scriptures have the power of God (Mat 22:29) and the phrase "word of God" is interchangeable with the word "scriptures". Jesus said that the law and prophets would not pass away until fulfilled (Mat 5:7). The Jewish Bible is quoted as divine authority for the New Testament (Mat 18:4-6; Jn 6:31; Mat 8:4; 12:3, 4; 23:35; Lk 4:25 etc.). The written word of the Old Testament was considered divinely inspired and authoritative.

**Jesus reinforced the teaching of creation** (Mat 19), the flood (Lk 17:27), Jonah (Mat 12:40), Elijah's miracles (Lk 4:25), Moses' miracles in the wilderness (Jn 3:14, 15; 6:32) and many other events in the Old Testament as historically correct. Taking the total testimony of Jesus and writers of the New Testament we can reconstruct many main events of the Old Testament, including the fall of man, murder of Abel, Noah's boat, Abraham's call, Sodom and Gomorrah, offering of Isaac, the burning bush, Exodus from Egypt, brazen serpent, fall of Jericho, miracles of Elijah and Elisha, Judges, Kings, Daniel and rejection of Old Testament prophets. These events were taught as historically true by Jesus and the New Testament writers. Jesus used these events to prove the truth of which He was teaching. If they were not true, neither was the lesson in which He used them as authoritative.

**Jesus emphasized words** and parts of words, tenses such as "I *am* the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob (Mat 22:32). Jesus was the "*single* offspring of Abraham" (Gal 3:16). Jesus cited the Old Testament saying, "Truly, truly I say unto you...", or "you have heard it said", to refer to the Old Testaments authority (Jn 3:11; Mat 5:38-40). Jesus used direct comparisons from the Old Testament as signs (Mat 12:39-40). He matched up Jonah's experience to His own death and resurrection. It could not have been mythology and still be a proof of His resurrection. The resurrection declares Jesus as the Son of God (Rom 1:1-5). His death and second coming are related to Old Testament events (Lk 17:26-30). Jesus rebuked false Jewish traditions and errors (Jn 3:10; Mat 22:39; 5:38, 39; 15:3; 12:12). Jesus condemned false prophets and was inflexible in His denunciation of them (Mat 23). He did not accommodate anything which would lead believers into untruth. He did not surrender the truth to accommodate the hearer. Jesus' love for the Father and mankind prompted Him to be unwavering in moral inclinations. He was incorruptible (2 Cor 5:18-20). Activities, attitudes, teachings, practices were never adjusted by Jesus to accommodate or affirm false teachings. He claimed that the scriptures were inspired, as we should!

**FAMILY CARE**  
**A Message from Our Shepherds**

We have heard and read the phrase in scripture about “*you are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden*” (Matt. 5:14). This was part of the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus said these words. Let us examine what this part of the passage means to us.

We see from this passage that light reveals and illuminates. Another passage that supports this thought is found in Luke 15:8 where the woman lost one coin. We are also reminded of Eph. 5:13 “*But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.*” The story is told of a blind man who carried a lighted lantern wherever he went. When asked why he did such a thing, he replied “To keep others from stumbling over me.”

We also realize that light banishes darkness (Gen. 1:2-4). It is obvious that light and darkness do not dwell in the same place. The presence of a Christian will make a difference. We can make a difference around the coffee machine if our light is shining, therefore making a difference in the world around us.

Light also warms, comforts and cheers us (Eccl 11:7). Do you remember how comforting and assuring the light was when you heard something in the night and flipped the light switch? We are reminded of 1 Peter 5:7, Rom. 8:28 and Matt. 28:20).

Light also warns us of dangers. The blinking yellow light, the lighthouse, the buoy, all warn of dangers. As watchman on the walls of Zion, let us warn men of the dangers of worldliness (1 John 2:15-17).

Yes, light does so many things for us physically and spiritually. May our light always shine before men.

Jerry McKey

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not. There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came that he might bear witness of the light. There was the true light, even the light which lighteth every man, coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God...” (Jn 1:1-17).

**The Book**

“This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; male and female created he them, and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: and the days of Adam after he begat Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters. And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died” (Gen 5:1-5).

**God spoke unto the fathers** through the prophets in divers portions and divers manners (Heb 1:1-5). The writing of books in the name of God is a time honored way of communicating His will. The proof of inspiration for writing these books was that no scripture came by the will of man, but holy men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke God’s will (2 Pet 1:20,21). When a book was written in God’s name it was required that it be inerrant on all subjects like God, man, sin, redemption, places, events and countless other things. The first form of any book in the Bible was free from error. Repeatedly the scriptures are identified as being divinely guided by the Holy Spirit (2 Tim 3:16, 17).

**The Bible is factually** given to mankind in their language. Translations from one language to another often encountered difficulties because the meanings of words were not consistent. The Old Testament known as the Septuagint was translated into Koine Greek and was referred to as the LXX, an ancient document made to be the official translation of the Bible (Old Testament). It was accepted by the Hebrews as a replacement of the Hebrew text. Supposedly it was the work of 72 Jewish scholars. It was sponsored by Ptolemy II in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC. He placed these men in separate chambers telling the translators to produce a Torah of Moses’ writings. Hence, the LXX became the scripture used in the synagogues and was the early Christians Old Testament. Searching the scriptures gives a broad background to consider for spiritual values. Christians are to give heed to themselves and the reading of scripture because it will be the measure of their progress (1 Tim 4:6-16).

**The scriptures speak of the books** being opened (Rev 20:11-15). Foretold is the end of time when all will appear before God to be judged. Those to be judged are the dead, small, great, young, old, low, rich or poor. At judgment the Bible and book of remembrance [Lamb’s book of life] will be opened. The knowledge of God’s will is the declaration of the covenants [Old and New]. Those acquitted because of their faith and obedience to the Covenants are to enter into eternal life. Those who are unfaithful and disobedient enter into eternal life of hell and endless suffering. The book of life contains the names of the many who have been redeemed by the Lamb of God (Jn 1:29; 36; Rev 21:27; 3:5; 20:12; Phil 4:3). Assurance of salvation is that the Lamb’s Book contains all who have been redeemed by His blood. The family tree of Adam is important but to be in the book of remembrance of the Lamb is vital. Hearing ones name read from the Lamb’s book is to have everlasting life in heaven. **Don Hatch**

# Family News:

News at Belt Line.

Call in your information to the office at  
972-790-8606 by Sunday evening.

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**June 17, 2012**

*Front foyer:* Doris Selby & B. C. Fowler

*Back foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer & Thomas Rathbun

**June 24, 2012**

*Front foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

*Back foyer:* Bobby & Brenda England

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## Sermon Titles

**June 17, 2012**

a.m: "Spirit Of Gentleness"

Scripture: Gal. 6:1-5

p.m: "The Patience Of Job"

Scripture: Job 1:1-5

**June 24, 2012**

a.m: "The Foundations Of The World"

Scripture: Eph. 1:1-8

p.m: "My Integrity Job"

Scripture: Job 27:1-6

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## Contribution Counters For June

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

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## Communion Preparation For June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

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## MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

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## SINGING SESSION

The singing class has been suspended for the summer. It will be resumed in September.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler, Vern Daniel

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Maxine Prude** fell and has a painful bruise on her back; she also is being treated for a serious kidney infection. Please remember Maxine in your prayers.

·**Elizabeth Garrison** will be having an MRI today at 2:30.

·**Grady & B C Fowler's** son **Tim** is now at home.

·**Grady Fowler** is seeking a second opinion on having surgery.

·**Kati Mimms** has a mass on her thyroid and the doctor has ordered tests immediately.

·**Nancy Pond's** brother, **Johnny Bowman** had a pace maker put in last week.

·**Hank & Becky Henry's** great granddaughter, **Maddie Gavin**, is having some health issues. They are doing tests on her. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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## Summer Series

Brochures for our Summer Series are in both foyers. Please take some. Give them to friends and acquaintances. The Series will cover Fourteen Questions Of Our Day. Speakers will take one question and answer it scripturally.

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## CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Theme this year for VBS will be "**Creation**" – **June 18-20, 2012. Time: 7 – 8:15 p.m.**

There are handouts for **Vacation Bible School** in both foyers.

**Ladies**, please start bringing cookies for Vacation Bible School.

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## 39'ers

This month the 39'ers will meet on Monday, **June 25<sup>th</sup>** due to VBS the week before. We will be having "stackers". A sign-up sheet will be in the front foyer for the items that will be needed for the meal.

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## COIN CANS

The green coin cans for the "**Gleaning for Children Campaign**" are in both foyers. Please pick up a can and fill it over the summer. The Foster's Home For Children will be back to pick them up the last of August.

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## RESPONSES

**Hannah Guajardo** placed membership on Sunday. Her address is: 5334 Bond St., #122, Irving, Texas 75038  
Phone: (806) 928-6498

**Mary Martini** also placed membership on Sunday. Her address is: 425 Southlake Park Rd. W., Southlake, Texas 76092  
Phone: (817) 481-4056

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## THANK YOU

To my Beltline family – many thanks for your prayers, cards, food & phone calls.

**Cathy Taylor**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

VBS – June 18-20, 2012

39'ers – June 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m.**UPCOMING JUNE BIRTHDAY'S**

Ethan Howard – 6/16  
 Jeffrey Cornish – 6/21  
 Billie Myers – 6/22  
 Darrell Allen – 6/23  
 Leo Townsend – 6/23  
 Mike Batot – 6/28  
 Patricia Elliott – 6/30

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

Denzil & Billie Myers – 6/11  
 Tom & Billie Prince – 6/12  
 Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13  
 John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
 Please contact Mike Batot at  
 (972)741-2397*

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY****LORD'S TABLE/MORNING**

6/17/12

**SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS****Front Table****Rear Table**

·Nathan Allen  
 ·Henry Seidmeyer  
 ·Purman Cofer  
 ·John Mayer  
 ·Bill Matthews  
 ·Dean Webb

·Derrol Allen  
 ·Bobby England  
 ·Brent Howard  
 ·Roy Martin

· Jerry McKey  
 · Don Herriage  
 · Robert Ruckman

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

· Kenny Mayer  
 Gal. 6:1-5

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

· John Mayer  
 · Richard Renfro

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

· Bill Matthews  
 Job 1:1-5

**P.M. SONG LEADER(S)**

· Jerry Baker – Denzil Myers

**LORD'S TABLE/EVENING**

·Clifford Yeldell  
 ·Glen Kelly

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

·Bill Paschall

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

·Darrell Allen

**FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	69	67	77	100
A.M. Worship	135	138	145	150
P.M. Worship	67	66	67	80
Wed. Class	72	63	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	n/a	19	25
Contribution	\$5482	\$4653	\$5287	\$5470

**MISSIONS**

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa  
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia  
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France  
 Glen Tattersall – Australia  
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine  
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia  
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions  
 Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX  
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX  
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web  
 Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation  
 Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia  
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution  
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation  
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India  
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa  
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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